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HOUSE RESOLUTION 262  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the University of Tennessee at  
Knoxville Chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi  
Women's Fraternity for 100 years of outstanding  
service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly pause and pay tribute to those  
noteworthy organizations whose achievements in community service have redounded to the  
benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi  
Women's Fraternity comprises one such group of persons, who for 100 remarkable years, have  
contributed to the development of young women in addition to the enhancement of the Knoxville  
community; and

WHEREAS, the Omicron Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi was installed at the University of  
Tennessee at the Knoxville campus on April 14, 1902, in the parlor of the home of Dr. Cooper  
D. Schmidt, Dean of the school; and

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WHEREAS, Omicron is the oldest continuing chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, many of whose members have contributed significantly to their state and nation in the areas of government, education, philanthropy, preservation and social work; and

WHEREAS, during its storied existence, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity has been a three-time recipient of the Jessie Wallace Hughan Award, a national award given bi-annually to the best "all-around" chapter within Alpha Omicron Pi; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Fraternity have earned individual distinction through their receipt of the Rose Award, which is given nationally to alumnae in recognition of their community involvement and contributions to the betterment of Alpha Omicron Pi; and

WHEREAS, other Alpha Omicron Pi members have been selected as Torch Bearers by the University of Tennessee, the highest honor can be bestowed upon a UT student; and

WHEREAS, the Omicron Chapter itself has earned numerous All Campus Events (ACE) Cups, which honor recognizes the student group with the highest involvement on campus through their participation in such activities as Homecoming, All-Sing, Carnicus and Smokey's Howl; and

WHEREAS, the UT Knoxville Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi's sterling record of philanthropy includes maintaining the Social Service Department of Frontier Nursing Services in Eastern Kentucky through its support of social workers, nurses and schools during the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the organization's current major philanthropy project is arthritis research, with an emphasis on juvenile arthritis; in 1962, the Chapter held it's first annual Alpha Omicron Pi Barbecue, sponsored by alumnae, collegiates and the Mother's Club, with money raised from the event being used to support arthritis research, in addition to three Harriet Grieve Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the UT Knoxville Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, in conjunction with the Arthritis Board and St. Mary's Hospital, established the Arthritis Support Group, a service which maintains an active presence in the Knoxville community today; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this General Assembly to honor the members of those estimable organizations whose outstanding contributions to this state have greatly benefited their fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity and its members for their many years of extraordinary service, leadership and accomplishment on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.